



Left to right: Bob Bruce, James Beswick, Pascual Marquez III, Ken Avila, and John Dyer

2014 Lincoln High School American Legion Boys State Delegate Selected

This year the Lincoln American Legion Post 264 has selected Lincoln High School Junior Pascual Marquez III to represent Lincoln at the 77th Session of The American Legion California Boys State. California Boys State will be held at the campus of California State University, Sacramento from June 21-28, 2014. The American Legion Boys State Program is among the most respected and selective educational programs about the operation of government for high school students in the country. It is a participatory program where students become a part of the operation of local (municipal), county and state government. The Boys State program was founded by The American Legion in 1935 to counter the socialist-inspired Youth Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires: Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card. They organized the first American Legion Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, IL.

At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of the three branches of our government: Legislative, Judicial and Executive. This is carried out at the city, county and state level. The structure of the program is based on the California State Constitution. Every step is taken to make the experience for the delegates as real as possible.

Being selected as a delegate is an honor as there are many candidates, and the selection process goes through several steps. It all comes down to selecting a candidate who illustrates leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service in their school and community. We want to congratulate Pascual Marquez III on being selected to represent Lincoln High School.